

Pappas Telecasting
Companies'
'donation' of
\$325,000 in airtime
to Republican
candidates in
certain areas is
another example of a
powerful media group
abusing its
privileged access to
the public airwaves.

Localism is not
served when a
corporate
headquarters decides
to promote one party
in local elections
by providing free
air time. During
election season,
local audiences
should be offered
genuine debate, both
major parties
should be offered
air time at equal
charges.

Pappas uses the
public airwaves free
of charge and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. Pappas'
actions are legally
questionable and
cast doubt on
whether Pappas truly
intends to serve the
public interest.
Their actions show
why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them.
Further, they show
why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than just a
returned postcard.
Thank you.